GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3474
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WITHDRAWAL OF FLUGRASTIM
BALIRAM;P.R. KHUTE

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s Nicholas was shown special favours vis-Ã -vis Dr. Reddy`s Laboratories by DCGI for their medicine Flugrastim;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Dr. Reddy`s have been asked to withdraw their drug from the market;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons therefor;

(d) whether any investigation has been conducted in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): No Sir, Dr. Reddy`s Laboratory, Hyderabad was accorded permission to manufactureand market r-hu-GCSF inj. on 28.6.2001. The reference given by Dr. Reddy`s Laboratory for r-hu-GCSF/Filgrastim in package insert were contested by Nicholas Piramal, as actual literature reference pertains to NEUPOGEN (Filgrastim)Dr. Reddy`s Laboratory was instructed todelete such references. Presently the matter is under examination of a Committee headed by DG, ICMR as M/s. Nicholas Piramal India, contested the use of INN name Filgrastim by Dr. Reddy`s Laboratories.

Dr. Reddy`s Laboratories have not been asked to withdraw their drug from the market.

(c)to(e): Question do not arise.